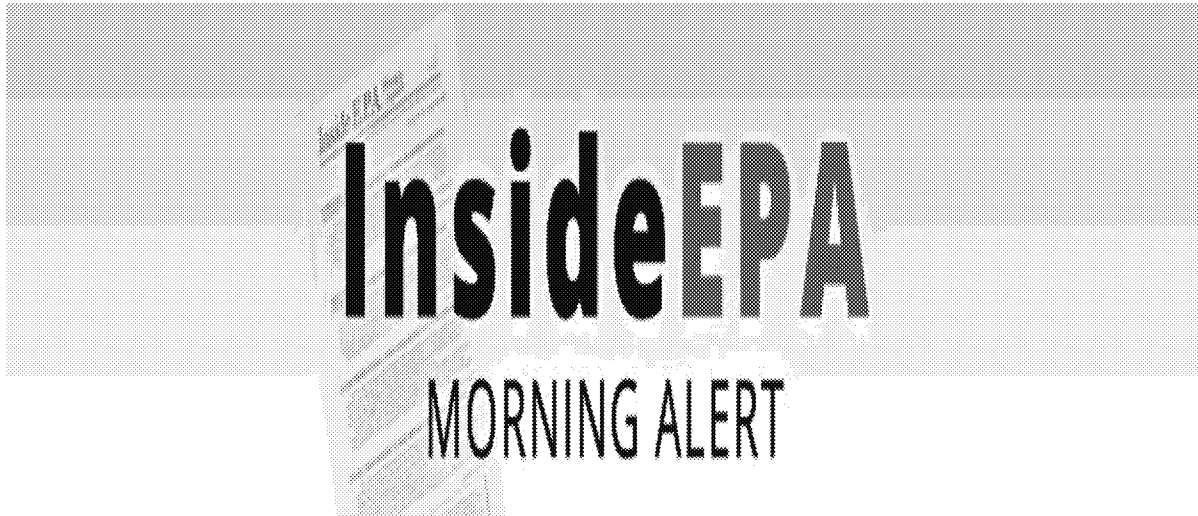


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Wheeler Faces Bipartisan Concerns On PFAS Ahead Of Confirmation Vote

Acting EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler is facing bipartisan concerns from 20 senators ahead of an upcoming confirmation vote over the agency's expected decision to refrain from establishing enforceable drinking water standards for two of the most common perfluorinated compounds, putting pressure on the agency to reverse course.

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Acting EPA chief Andrew Wheeler is allowing Obama-era appointees to the Science Advisory Board (SAB) to serve a second term, a change from his predecessor's policy that limited such re-appointments, though Wheeler is continuing to bar scientists who receive agency grants from serving and also named some controversial new SAB picks.

Biofuels Group Calls For EPA Ethanol Volume Hike In RFS 'Reset' Proposal

The Renewable Fuels Association (RFA) biofuels advocacy group is suggesting EPA use a pending renewable fuel standard (RFS) "reset" rule to increase its annual goal for production of renewable fuel to help promote

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EPA Critics Cite Regulatory Changes In High Court Bid To Limit Deference

Industry, states, local governments and others are invoking EPA's changes to its readings of Clean Air Act permit rules, Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction tests and other policies in briefs urging the Supreme Court to scrap deference to agencies on such regulatory interpretations, saying these changes should require notice-and-comment rulemaking.

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A three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit appeared skeptical of a West Virginia wastewater treatment plant's push to revive a challenge to EPA's denial of a change to the state's copper water quality standard, with one of the judges saying the treatment plant's attorney was "tilting at windmills."

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